

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2002-194

May 9, 2002

NORCOM, INC.  
Request to Abandon Service

ORDER GRANTING  
REQUEST TO ABANDON  
SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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On April 3, 2002, Norcom, Inc. (Norcom) and NUI Telecom, Inc. (NUI) filed an Application for various asset purchases and reorganizations. Because the Commission has waived the need to obtain approval of reorganizations by competitive telecommunications carriers and because the existing public utility is not transferring assets that are useful to it, none of the requested approvals are required. Norcom will be transferring its assets, including customer accounts, to NUI and will not itself continue to provide service. Norcom has also requested and must obtain Commission approval to abandon service as required by 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104(1). NUI presently has authority to provide service and therefore does not need any approvals.

The Commission granted Norcom authority to provide interexchange service in Docket No. 96-494 and local exchange service in Docket No. 2000-658. The Commission granted NUI authority to provide interexchange service in Docket No. 2001-735 and local exchange service in Docket No. 2001-862.

Because there are a large number of competitive interexchange and local exchange telephone utilities, including NUI available to provide service to Norcom's former customers, we grant the request to abandon service. NUI states that it will provide notice to all Norcom customers of the transaction, that it anticipates that no Norcom customer will experience a rate increase, and that if any do, NUI will amend its rate schedules to avoid that result. NUI has provided a copy of the proposed notice, which states that customers may choose other carriers and, if so, NUI will pay for any change costs. Norcom shall provide the notice attached to its applications to Norcom customers at least 20 days prior to the transfer. The abandonment shall not occur until the transfer date.

Accordingly, we

1. GRANT APPROVAL to Norcom, Inc. to abandon service granted by the Commission in Docket Nos. 96-494 and 200-658, effective no sooner than 30 days following the date that NUI Telecom, Inc. sends the notice required by paragraph 2;

2. NUI Telecom, Inc. shall send the notice contained in its application to Norcom customers at least 30 days prior to the transfer of those customers to NUI;
3. NUI Telecom, Inc., shall inform the Commission of the actual date that customers are transferred and that Norcom, Inc. abandons service

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Diamond

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Nugent